**Benton Park West Neighborhood Association**

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Attendance: 30

Board Members

* President – Linda Hennigh, Present
* Vice President – Carrie Sleep, Absent
* Secretary – Scott McIntosh, Present
* Treasurer – Suzanne (Suzy) Hennigh, Present
* Member At-Large – Becky Martinez, Present
* Member At-Large – Whitney Mathis, Present

1. **Call to Order** – 7:03 pm
   1. Review and approval of February Meeting Minutes – Pam Welsh moves, Stephanie seconds, passes
   2. Review of March Board Meeting Minutes
   3. Review and approval of February Treasurer’s Report – Diane Hurwitz moves, Frank seconds, passes
   4. Review of 2014 Budget – moves, seconds, passes
2. **New Members and Visitors**
   1. Matthew Bakko, GWB student
   2. Laurel Sariscsany, GWB student
   3. Shirley Bonner, *new member*
   4. John and Karen Doggett, *new members*
   5. Gerry and Cindy Monti, *new members*
   6. Jerry and Anne Pierce
   7. James McKee
   8. Antoinette Hodges
   9. Leonetta Nolon
   10. Charlyne ????
   11. Steve Greer
   12. Jacqueline Adams
   13. Barbara Nelson
   14. Joe Zorillo
3. **Announcements**
   1. Steve Greer, Probation and Parole - First Saturday of each month starting April, parolees will do alley clean up. Let him know if there is an alley you’d like cleaned.
4. **Events**
   1. Mardi Gras
   2. Five Star Trivia Night
      1. BPW table got 5th place
      2. Keep supporting Five Star – they give us meeting space for free
   3. 3rd District Police Partnership Luncheon
   4. 3D Community Outreach Meeting
      1. Next meeting is June 12 @ 6:30 pm in the Five Star Senior Center
   5. New Benton Park West t-shirts
      1. New gray t-shirts in both men and women’s sizes
      2. Available on our website and at neighborhood meetings
   6. Dogs ‘n Donuts
      1. Sat, April 12 @ 10-12 pm
      2. Corner of Utah and Nebraska
      3. Opening of the park – free event
      4. Coffee and donuts provided
   7. Easter Eggstravaganza
      1. Sat, April 19 @ 10-12 pm
      2. Gravois Park, 3200 Potomac
      3. Need volunteers
      4. Cookies and juice for kids
      5. Egg hunt and coloring
   8. Cinco de Mayo
      1. Sat, May 3
      2. Gather residents to walk in the People’s Joy Parade
5. **Guest Speaker:** City Kitties, Barbara Nelson
   1. Stay and elderly cats are an issue in the city
   2. Some elderly can’t afford to have their cat spayed or neutered
   3. If you see a cat out, see if it has a color with tags
   4. If it’s friendly and unmarked, see if you can have it neutered (feral cat)
      1. Nooterville – low cost or free for individuals of low income
      2. BARC – low income homes of owned- pets
      3. Human Society of Missouri – low cost or free
      4. Left tips of ears clipped is the markings of a feral cat spayed or neutered
6. **District 3 Captain, Mary Warneke**
   1. New 3rd District Captain, 314-444-2597 or mjwarnecke@slmpd.org
   2. Grew up in the county, but lives in the city
   3. Wants her officers to know BPW’s issues
   4. Have to Problem Property Officers:
      1. Officer Daphne Allen, 314-444-2563
      2. Officer Erin Hines, 314-444-2563 (same #)
   5. Problem Properties
      1. Can have 2 calls for service to be added to the list; police or Citizens Service Bureau
      2. Police will call property owner of rentals to ensure they know about problem behaviors
      3. Will help landlords if they accept to deal with problem renters
      4. Will condemn problem properties for a year if landlord won’t deal with troublesome tenants
   6. Hot Spots
      1. Determined by number of calls that turn into crime reports
      2. Crime is down 17% in BPW
      3. Area moves as crime moves (domestics don’t affect hot spots)
7. **District 3 Community Outreach Officer, Joe Calabro**
   1. Absent – on vacation
   2. Joe’s new number is 314-444-2564
8. **9th Ward Alderman, Ken Ortmann**
   1. Absent – on vacation
9. **Neighborhood Stabilization Officer (NSO), Barb Potts**
   1. House fire on Texas, everyone got out, but house is destroyed
   2. Drove around with Daphne all day to show issues in BPW so extra efforts can be put in place
   3. Call Citizens Services Bureau when you see stray dogs
10. **Prizes**
    1. Attendance Prize – Budweiser and BPW t-shirts and BPW coolie donated by BPWNA
    2. 50/50 - $13.50 for the winner
11. **Adjournment**– Suzy Hennigh moves, Pam Welsh seconds, passes at 8: pm